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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I'd just like to chime in with my opinion on the proposed settlement on the Microsoft Antitrust case.

My opinion is that the case is being resolved with far too light of penalties, probably in no small part due to Microsoft being able to drag the case along as it pleases and leaving the government with what may seem like the best, and certainly easiest thing to do; settling with an agreement that doesn't truly prevent Microsoft from continuing in its actions.

The loopholes and exceptions are numerous in the proposed settlement as many, many papers have been written on and I can only hope that the government considers this and decides to draft another revision on the settlement before simply accepting what Microsoft offers.

Thank you,

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